

SWIS DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

4th Quarter

SUPER 8 MOTEL, MONROE, WI

August 7, 2009

Meeting called to order by Gov. Barb Nelson

Invocation by Grace Policastro

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of distinguished guests, President Don Sievers, and officers.

3rd Quarter minutes were presented. Motion to accept by Jerry Schewe, 2nd Michael Shields. **PASSED**

3rd Quarter treasurer's report presented. Motion to accept by Jerry Schewe, 2nd Bonnie Spindler **PASSED**

Lt. Governors gave reports on their wedges. Howard Crofoot, Wedge #5, reported they are at minus 16 members. They are working on building a noon club in Platteville. It sounds promising. Bonnie Spindler, Wedge #4, passed out a synopsis from clubs in the wedge listing some of their activities that have been completed as well as some that are coming up. She also reported that some clubs needed to "clean house" so that wedge is currently minus 27 members. Mark Glynn, wedge #2, reported that they completed the Junior Golf Tournament, but because of a conflict in the requirements for advancing to Nationals, their winner will not qualify to compete. OI President Don Sievers, acknowledged the problem and wanted the information so he can check on it. Wedge #2 is plus 2 in membership.

The Lt. Govs. Listed some clubs that are struggling: Milton; Cambridge; Reedsburg (cleaned house); Hartford (disbanded in June); Cottage Grove (needs a new start) LaCrosse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Club Building: Todd McMillin reported that Kevin Austin travels throughout the SWIS District with his job. He knows there is interest in starting clubs in Lake Geneva and Edgerton.

Club Performance Recognition: Rick Sills reported that there are positive changes coming. He thinks clubs will like the changes.

OI Foundation: Bonnie Spindler reported for Fred Dorn on the football tickets. Approximately 4900 tickets went out and only 1600 have been returned. The FINAL DATE to have them turned in is AUG. 20. If they're turned in, another club may be able to sell them. The Foundation is at \$16,000, which is about ½ the amount at this time last year. Each club could consider donation \$250 which would help catch up.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

At the International Convention, the vote taken by the members was to increase dues by \$10 (which is about .85/month). Look at it as OI's way of taking care of their ability to keep taking care of kids.

Gov. Barb reported that the "Internet Safety Initiative" will be a way for Optimists to get information on keeping safe on the internet to parents, teens, young children, and teachers and schools. There will be a presentation during the general sessions Saturday.

Bonnie Spindler was nominated for approval as Secretary/Treasurer for 2009-2010 by Jerry Schewe. Howard Crofoot made the 2nd. Bonnie Spindler was approved and she accepted the position.

Jerry Schewe presented Anchor Bank to be the official depository for 2009-2010. Bonnie Spindler 2nd. Approved.

Jerry Schewe presented CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls for approval as Gov.-elect 2009-2010 pending receipt of paperwork (recommendations from her club and employer). Michael Shields 2nd. Approved

Jerry is still looking for Lt. Govs for zones 1 and 3.

Gov. Barb's remarks: Barb passed around cards with a picture inside. Turned out that all the pictures were the same, but some people saw a toad while others saw a horse. It was to show that we are all looking to provide hope and a positive vision for kids, even though we see things differently. She mentioned that SWIS District is down 107 members because sometimes you just have to "clean house", but it's not ok for the number of kids who aren't being served because of the loss.

President Don Sievers reported that SWIS District is number 27 out of 49. The Awards program was tightened up to make it mean more when an achievement is reached. It will be pretty much the same as we continue. If you have high expectations, you will receive high results. It is ok to build 15 member clubs – they often quickly grow to 25. The OI website is updated. People gave good comments about it. Community service is an “opportunity” for Optimists. Continue to work at turning OI around.

Next meeting Oct 23-24 in Platteville, WI

Optimist Creed led by Immediate Past Gov. Michael Shields

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Schewe, 2nd by Howard Crofoot **Passed**

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Bauman, Assistant to the Governor